

**Hosea 6: 1-6**  
**Luke 18: 9-14**

*FOCUS: "It is mercy I desire and not sacrifice."*

*One might be taken aback at the attitude of the Pharisee in today's Gospel. Basically he is telling God what a wonderfully devout person he is. To paraphrase his thoughts, we might hear him saying,*

*"Lord, I am sure glad that you created me as I am. Look at the rest of mankind. They sin; I have not sinned in years. They do not fast; but I sure do, twice a week. They do not put money in the box for the upkeep of the Temple; but I give ten per cent just like you said to! Heck, Lord, look at that poor guy in the back of the Temple. What gives him the right to even come in here? He is a tax collector for the Romans. He takes money from the poor and gives to the rich. He is a person who obviously has forgotten what it means to be a child of yours!"*

*Does this seem to be a harsh judgment on our part? Perhaps the Pharisee prayed in the only way he knew.*

*From his demeanor it is obvious that the tax collector sought to return to the Lord. He had a heart, contrite and humble, as he prayed in the Lord's house. He sought God's mercy as he admitted his sinfulness, and we hear from Jesus, "The latter went home justified, not the former."*

*The Lord said it so clearly, "It is mercy that I desire, not sacrifice." Is our attitude that of the Pharisee or the tax collector? Have we accomplished all that we set out to do during this season? Have we been full of mercy and reached out to those in need of our help? Have we been reconciled with anyone this year? Have we sought out others to bring them back to the Lord? Have we allowed the mercy of God to really help us during these past few weeks?*

*We have plenty of time left during this season. May we be like the tax collector and return from Church this morning justified as we continue to seek the Lord. May the Lord assist us in our journey and may he bless us with his mercy.*

*GOD:*

*The bad people laughed at Noah— you make an ark on dry land you fool. But he was smart he stuck with you. That's what I would do.*

*Eddie*

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MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN's APRIL FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAM

Thursday, 3 April 2003, 7 PM, Most Holy Trinity Chapel

## Topic: WHAT ABOUT ME AND MY STORY?

Speaker Ann Gentile, a Chaplain at Westchester Medical Center, will talk about women's roles and personal fulfillment. The evening will begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM, followed by Mass at 7 PM.

The speaker and time for socializing will begin around 7:45 PM. Come for part or all of the evening!

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Lent is also the season of final preparation for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The Church invites its members to pray for these catechumens, but also to renew their own commitment to the life that began in them when they were baptized and so became members of God's people.

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## Volunteers Needed For Local Health Center

*A volunteer health center to provide primary care for uninsured and underserved citizens of Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery is opening in the next few months. You do not need medical skills to help-just a love of mercy. Please contact Dr. Vic McGlaughlin at 938-6891 or on exchange mail for more information about how you can be involved to address a need in our community.*

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**MARRIED COUPLES:**

**ALTAR SERVERS Apr 5-6**



UCF (United Catholic Fellowship) is having a Palm Sunday Retreat at Maryknoll (Ossining, NY) from 11-13 April 2003. It is open to all cadets & staff/faculty. Please contact CPT(P) Eric Verzola, 938-7737 or e-mail at [pe0843@usma.edu](mailto:pe0843@usma.edu) or CDT Pat Sullivan at e-mail: [x35768@usma.edu](mailto:x35768@usma.edu) or 515-3821 ASAP. Deadline for sign up is 26 March.

## Rehearsal for “Living Stations of the Cross”

*If you can bring soup or bread to share, we would be appreciative.*

***Please take a copy of this special Lenten Issue as you leave the chapel.***

## 4 Mar-1 Apr Lenten Series with Father Costa

## Stations of the Cross/Soup Suppers: (Friday's)

**13 Apr**      Palm Sunday

**18 Apr** Good Friday Liturgy, 1900 MHT

**19 Apr** Easter Vigil, 2000 MHT

**20 Apr** Easter Sunday, Mass 0900 & 1100

## Prayers for Michael Kwinn III.

*Novena Prayer: O Immaculate Virgin Mary / Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, / Penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession, / manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, / We your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena, / if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray. /*

*You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. / Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. / Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen*

*Jesus, we humbly ask you to glorify in heaven and on earth, the servant of God,  
Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved*

*Thee so much and labored for the glory of your heavenly Father and for the good of souls.*

*With confidence, we beseech thee to grant us, through her intercession the grace of ... (Healing of Michael Kwinn III) which we ardently desire.*

**Pray:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen (3 times)*

**Format borrowed from Prayer for Intercession of Padre Pio**